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SUBJECT: IAEA 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE: OPENING DAY.

SUMMARY: NINETEENTH REGULAR SESSION OF IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE
CONVENED AT 3:00 PM SEPTEMBER 22 AND IN UNEVENTFUL 2-1/2 HOUR
MEETING ELECTED ITS OFFICERS BY CONSENSUS, APPROVED THREE
APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP, AND LISTENED TO SPEECH BY
DIRECTOR GENERAL REVIEWING PROGRESS MADE IN DEVELOPMENT
OF NUCLEAR ENERGY. END SUMMARY.

1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: AS IS CUSTOMARY, OPENING PLENARY
MEETING OF GC HAD AS FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS ELECTION OF
OFFICERS TO SERVE THROUGHOUT SESSION. CONFERENCE ELECTED
JAN FELICKI OF POLAND ITS PRESIDENT BY ACCLAMATION.
ON PROPOSAL OF PRESIDENT, AMB. P. G. LIM OF MALAYSIA WAS
ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (CREATED
BY 1974 REVISION OF RULES OF PROCEDURE AND REPLACING TOO
FORMER MAIN COMMITTEES OF CONFERENCE) AND DELEGATES
FROM FOLLOWING COUNTRIES ELECTED AS VICE-PRESIDENTS
AND ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF GENERAL COMMITTEE: IRAN,
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BRAZIL, FRG, JAPAN, ZAMBIA, USSR, UK, US, CANADA,

FRANCE, INDIA, VENEZUELA, AND CZECHOSLAVAKIA.

2. APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: AS EXPECTED, CONFERENCE TOOK FAVORABLE ACTION ON RECOMMENDATION BY BOARD OF GOVERNORS THAT APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP BY TANZANIA, U.A.E. AND QATAR BE APPROVED. ACTION REQUESTED: INFORM MISSION BY PRIORITY CABLE OF DATE OF DEPOSIT BY THESE STATES OF INSTRUMENTS OF ACCEPTANCE OF IAEA STATUTE.

3. DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH: IN LONG (45 MINUTES) ADDRESS TO DELEGATES (FULL TEXT POUCHED STATE/ERDA), DG EKLUND STATED THAT NUCLEAR ENERGY REMAINS FOR PRESENT THE ONLY FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVE TO FOSSIL FUEL AS WORLD DEMAND FOR ENERGY INCREASES AND ADDRESSED HIMSELF TO FOUR ISSUES INVOLVED IN PUBLIC DEBATE: RISKS, RELIABILITY, WASTE DISPOSAL AND SAFEGUARDS. DG ALLUDED TO AGENCY COOPERATION WITH IASA AND WHO IN STUDY EVALUATING PUBLIC REACTION TO VARIOUS TECHNOLOGICAL RISKS AND EVALUATION OF EFFECTS OF ENERGY USE ON ENVIRONMENT AND TO PROGRESS BEING MADE ON DEVELOPMENT BY AGENCY OF SAFETY CODES AND GUIDES FOR NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS. ON WASTE DISPOSAL, DG NOTED AGENCY MOVING AHEAD WITH ESTABLISHMENT OF STANDING ADVISORY GROUP TO CONSIDER THE MATTER. EKLUND NOTED INCREASED ATTENTION BEING GIVEN TO PHYSICAL PROTECTION, IN PARTICULAR PROPOSAL THAT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION BE ELABORATED, AND STATED AGENCY READY TO ASSIST IN SUCH A PROJECT. ON SAME SUBJECT, DG INFORMED DELEGATES OF PUBLICATION BY AGENCY UNDER DOCUMENT INFCIRC/225 OF REVISED VERSION OF "GREY BOOK" CONTAINING RECOMMENDATIONS TO MEMBER STATES ON PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL AND FACILITIES. SUBJECT WHICH RECEIVED PARTICULAR EMPHASIS WAS INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS. DG ASSERTED IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT IAEA SAFEGUARDS BE APPLIED TO ALL NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES IN NNWSS. WHILE GRATIFIED THAT NPT REV CON HAD STRONGLY SUPPORTED IAEA SAFEGUARDS, HE EXPRESSED REGRET THAT FINAL DECLARATION OF REV CON DID NOT GO FAR ENOUGH. SUPPLIER COUNTRIES MUST MAKE IT A CONDI-

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TION OF SUPPLY THAT SAFEGUARDS BE APPLIED TO ALL NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES IN RECIPIENT STATE. REFERRING TO CONCEPT OF REGIONAL NUCLEAR CENTERS, EKLUND MENTIONED BENEFITS THESE CENTERS MIGHT OFFER IN AREAS OF PHYSICAL PROTECTION AND APPLICATION OF SAFEGUARDS. DG ALSO CALLED DELEGATES' ATTENTION TO AGENCY-SPONSORED TRAINING PROGRAMS ON NUCLEAR PROJECT PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION IN US, FRG AND FRANCE

AND TO THE AGENCY'S PROGRESS IN ENABLING INIS TO PROVIDE MEMBERS MACHINE-READABLE ABSTRACTS.

4. GENERAL COMMITTEE: AS IS CUSTOMARY, GENERAL COMMITTEE MET IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ADJOURNMENT OF PLENARY AND IN BRIEF SESSION AGREED TO RECOMMEND ADOPTION AGENDA AND ALLOCATION OF AGENDA ITEMS TO VARIOUS ORGANS OF THE G.C. AT REQUEST OF FRG, FRANCE AND CANADA, PRESIDENT (FELICKI) AGREED THAT GC SHOULD ATTEMPT COMPLETE ITS WORK BY END OF WEEK. IN VIEW OF OFFER BY BRAZIL TO HOST 20TH GC, COMMITTEE DEFERRED FURTHER ACTION ON THIS AGENDA ITEM TO 9/25 IN ORDER ENABLE DELEGATION SEEK INSTRUCTIONS (SEPTTEL).
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